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SAMHSA Hosts Grant-Writing and Technical Assistance For Grassroots Faith and Community Groups

Faith-based and community organizations have a long history of providing essential services to people in need in the United States. In recognition of the unique ability that these organizations have to meet the special needs of their communities, the Bush Administration has made it a priority to improve funding opportunities for faith-based and community organizations. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will hold a series of workshops to help remove unnecessary barriers that may prevent these organizations from receiving federal funding.

These grant-writing workshops are being held for small, faith-based and community groups in communities throughout the U.S. Participants will receive hands-on training in:

- Writing an application and understanding the grant process
- Matching project ideas to funding sources
- Developing a budget
- Establishing an evaluation plan

Participants will also receive the manual, "Developing Successful SAMHSA Grant Applications," on which the training is based.

Workshop conference locations, dates and registration contacts for FY 2003 follow.

Location	Date	Contact
Raleigh, NC	Nov. 13-15	Earl Hamilton, 561-662-1754
Washington, DC	Nov. 14-16	Harold Brinkley, 703-378-4041
Bridgeport/New Haven, CT.	Nov. 18-19	Kevin Monroe, 404-713-0713
Chicago, IL	Nov. 21-23	Clifton Mitchell, 301-443-8804
Newark, NJ	Dec. 4-6	Earl Hamilton, 561-662-1754
Port Arthur, TX	Dec. 12-14	Clifton Mitchell, 301-443-8804
Orlando, FL	Dec. 20-22	Shariq Siddiqui, 317-839-8157x804
Houston, TX	Jan. 9-11, 2003	Eric Donaldson, 202-789-4333
Denver, CO	Jan. 16-19	Don Coyhis, 719-548-1000
Tampa, FL	Jan.30-Feb. 1	Clifton Mitchell, 301-443-8804
Los Angeles, CA	Feb. 10-11	Kevin Monroe, 404-713-0713

Dallas, TX	Feb. 19-21	Earl Hamilton, 561-833-3366
Phoenix, AZ	Feb. 20-21	Kevin Monroe, 404-713-0713
Austin, TX	March 2003	Lawrence Vault, 512-854-6424
Baltimore, MD	March 2003	Linda Jackson, 202-637-8400
Bozeman, MT	March 2003	Johnny Allem, 202-662-7104
New York City	Mar. 6-7	Kevin Monroe, 404-713-0713
Minneapolis, MN	Mar. 7-8	Trish Merrill, 512-476-2896
Seattle, WA	Mar. 11-12	Kevin Monroe, 404-713-0713
San Francisco, CA	May 21-23	David Yomemoto, 415-541-9404
Pittsburgh, PA	March 26-28	Earl Hamilton, 561-833-3366
Los Angeles, CA	April , 2003	James Hernandez, 916-443-5473
Baltimore, MD	April 3-5	Tom Edwards, 301-443-8453
Baltimore, MD	April 3-5	Eric Donaldson, 202-789-4333
Tucson, AZ	May 2003	Dave Vallo, 916-920-0731
Austin, TX	May 1-3	Trish Merrill, 512-476-2896
San Francisco, CA	May 21-23	David Yomemoto, 415-541-9404

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, a public health agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is the lead federal agency for improving the quality and availability of substance abuse prevention, addiction treatment and mental health services in the United States. Information on SAMHSA's programs is available on this website, www.samhsa.gov.
